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(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 02177.0001P1	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/US2004/006599	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 05 March 2004 (05.03.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 05 March 2003 (05.03.2003)]	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC A23B 4/24			
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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

☐ a sequence listing

☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

☐ in written format

☐ in computer readable form

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☐ contained in international application as filed.

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-20</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-20 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Compadre or Latin et al. in view of Schneider et al. and Seabrook, Jr. et al.

Compadre et al. disclose a composition containing quaternary compounds, which can be used to spray on poultry in amounts of from .05 to .5 Cpc, with glycerin in water (col. 12, lines 33-50). Alkylpyridinium salt is disclosed and tetra-alkylammonium salt in col. 13, lines 1-35). Lattin et al. disclose the use of quaternary ammonium compounds to remove salmonella contamination from meat product (abstract). Claim 1 differs from the reference in the use of trichloromelamine. However, Schneider et al. disclose a composition containing trichloromelamine (TCM), which is used to spray an animal habitat (chickens, turkeys such as bedding or litter). Seabrook, Jr. et al. disclose the use of TCM and quaternary ammonium compounds in an antimicrobial compound (col. 7, lines 40-55 and col. 8, lines 54-58). Therefore, it would have been obvious to use the claimed compounds together as disclosed by Seabrook, Jr. et al. in controlling microorganisms.

The particular amounts of ingredients as in claims 2-12 are seen as being within the skill of the ordinary worker to determine. Therefore, it would have been obvious to use known ingredients in particular amounts in the process of the combined references.

Claim 13 further requires applying the claimed composition to water for use in a scalding for poultry carcasses. Compadre et al. disclose the use of an apparatus for spraying poultry (fig. 10 and col. 1, lines 1-25). As the antimicrobial composition has been shown by the combined references, it would have been obvious to use a known composition in a spray for its known function of decreasing the amounts of microorganisms. The further limitations have been disclosed above and are obvious for those reasons.

Claims 1-20 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus meet the requirements for industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

Claims 1-20 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed antimicrobial composition in the claimed amounts containing water in one reference.